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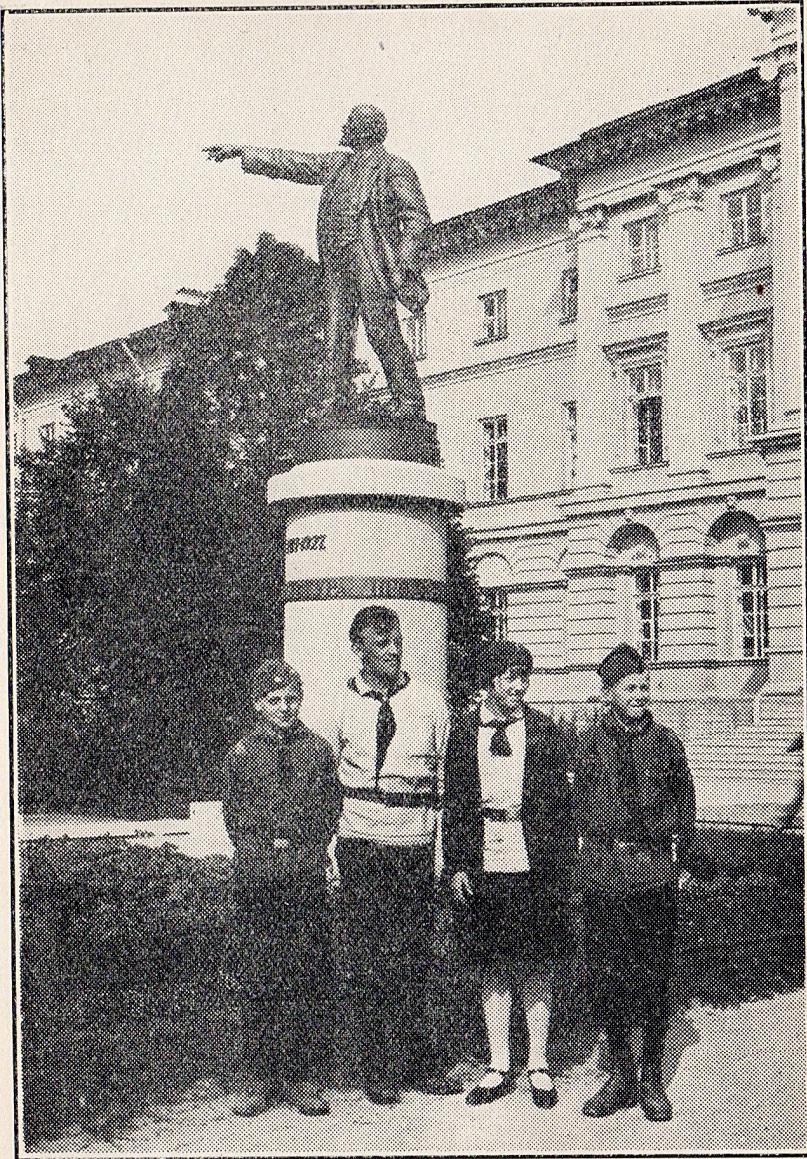


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Norwegian Pioneers at Lenin Monument, Smolny, Leningrad

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1. WHY AN INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S CONGRESS?

THE news of the First International Children's Congress, which was held in Moscow, August 23 and 24, 1929, came like a bombshell to the capitalists and Social-Democrats. Their newspapers howled "Terror of the Children's Congress!", "Politically abused Children!", etc. Behold! These gentlemen are foaming with rage that the proletarian children are showing their teeth. They are angry because they realise that they can no longer make political use of the children for their own ends! Because they see that the proletarian children are no longer willing to be used in the interests of their exploiters and oppressors, but are going their own way with the working class. The children recognise that their needs and their struggles are the needs and struggles of the whole proletariat. Are they not to have the right to come together and discuss their fate?

Let us briefly examine the rôle assigned to the children by the capitalist class. More and more are the workers' children being used in the factories, in the fields, in the workrooms, and on the streets as cheap and willing labour power. The bourgeoisie, however, needs the children also for the future as beasts of burden, as obedient servants and as cannon fodder. By every means the bourgeoisie attempts to keep the children under their control. Schools, churches, cinemas, radio, newspapers, books, etc., are aimed either at winning over and preparing the children openly or at influencing them in disguised forms, blunting their intellect and isolating them from their class. A countless number of societies and organisations serve these ends. By using everything that children like, they are being caught and held.

From all these forms of association, two organisations have gained particular significance in recent times. The first is the so-called Boy Scouts or Pathfinders' organisation, and the second, the Social-Democratic "Red Falcons" and "Children's Friends." The Boy Scouts are spread over the whole world. Their movement is strongest in England and America. It is their task to prepare the youth to be good factory slaves and good soldiers in the wars for the defence of capitalism. The Social-Democrats are trying to do the same thing by other means. They do it as if they were for the working class. But it is becoming ever clearer that they are training the children for capitalism, and that they are its best defenders against the onrush of the proletarian class. In recent times they have been quite openly applying the same methods as the Fascists.

This year when the danger of war has become clearer than ever

before, the enemies of the proletariat have dominated the children. In England, thousands of Boy Scouts paraded to show the King, princes, admirals, officers and British subjects how well prepared they were for war. In Vienna, the "Red Falcons" met in an international Meet of the Social-Democratic youth. But the children of the proletariat are taking up the struggle. The children that are being beaten and exploited, that suffer most from poverty, are beginning to recognise who are their friends and who are their enemies. They are organising themselves as pioneers and struggling under Red banners. No longer do they believe in the myth of the Fatherland—they know that only one country is the Fatherland of all workers—Soviet Russia, which has made its children free. The hatred of the bourgeoisie is concentrated against this Fatherland of all working class children, and the gatherings of the Social-Democrat Boy Scouts were aimed against it.

Therefore, when the children of the Soviet Union, millions of young pioneers, called upon the proletarian children for a counter-attack, their appeal echoed through the whole world. Delegates came from distant parts of Red Russia, from Germany, America, England, China and all corners of the earth—pioneers and workers' children streamed together towards Moscow. They paraded under the banner of Lenin as Red sailors, as Red soldiers, and in some cases even with steel helmets and rifles with blank cartridges. White children, yellow children, brown children and negro children paraded in a solid front. They laid bare the lies of national hatred and showed that on one side are the oppressed of all nations, and on the other side the oppressors. They showed that they are ready to do everything to defend the Soviet Union, together with the Red Army and the working class of the entire world.

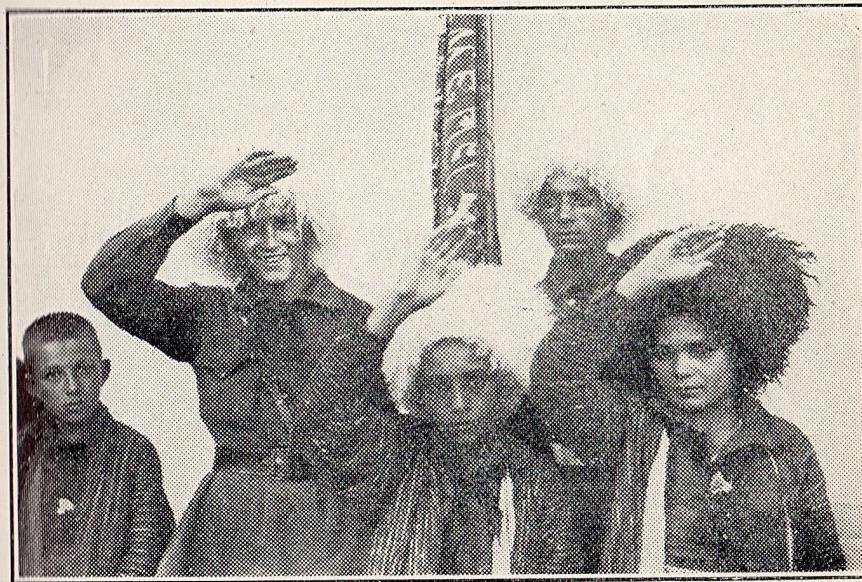
Of the thousands that came to this "slyot" the best met together on August 23 and 24, 1929, in order to make clear what it is that is oppressing the children of the working class, and what tasks await them. A bourgeois newspaper in Germany called this First International Children's Congress a "terror." For the bourgeoisie, this Congress is indeed a terror, because the children themselves have taken sides in the struggle, namely, the side of LENIN!

2. THE DELEGATES TO THE CONGRESS

IT was a brilliant mixture of nationalities that paraded. British, Americans, Germans, Swedes, Norwegians, Swiss, Chinese and Mongolians. With them marched all the nationalities of the Soviet Union: from the R.S.F.S.R. (Russia proper), the Ukraine, the Caucasus, the Urals, Kazakhstan, Turkestan, Uzbekistan and Dagestan; Tartars, Jews, Yakutians, Tchuvashians, and many others whose names are hardly known in Europe.



A performance by a group of Pioneers from Central Asia



Pioneers from the Turkmen Republic

Long and adventurous journeys were taken to reach Moscow. In some cases the difficulties were so great that the delegations were not able to attain their end. One American comrade, Harry Eisman, was arrested in New York just before the departure of the delegation. The Conference elected him to the honorary Presidium. The Czech delegation, whose trip was prohibited by the Government, and whose travel money was confiscated, succeeded in crossing the border, but could not get any further than Germany. The Chinese had a fantastic journey over half the world before they reached Moscow. They were threatened with death if they should fall into the hands of Chiang-Kai-Shek's hangmen. Many delegations from the huge Soviet territory were also weeks on the way. From Central Asia the railway journey alone took 8 to 12 days. And then in addition there were the journeys to the railways. Comrades rode for six days through the Tana-Tuvas mountains in the national republic on the Mongolian border. The representatives of the Mongolian Pioneers spent weeks journeying through the deserts before they reached Ulan-Bator, the one big town in Mongolia. From there they had to travel another week by automobile to the nearest railway station in the neighbourhood of the Baikal Sea.

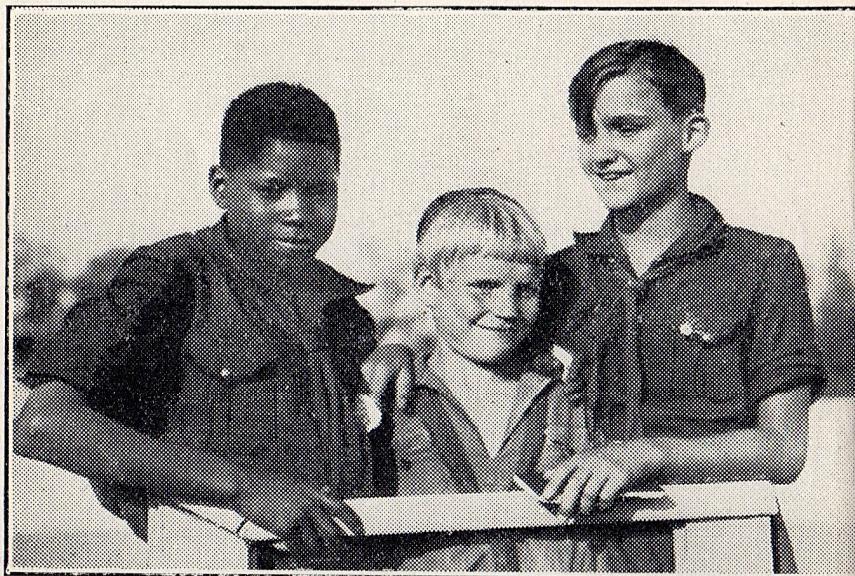
Who were the delegates to this Congress? Most of them wore the red ties which are the sign of the Pioneers. But many of them were simply children of workers, who had as yet no connection with the organisation. They had been elected in children's meetings or in the schools as representatives. The Jubilee had not yet ended when, at the close of the Congress, these children asked to be taken into the Pioneer organisation. Shortly before taking the journey, Shelley—a negro boy from America—was still a member of the Boy Scouts. He left this organisation with 700 other negro children. They had come to know the extent to which they were respected by the white Boy Scouts.

Since the age of 6 the Chinese children had had to toil night and day in the factories. One of them said that before leaving China he had never eaten anything but rice and black bread. Din-Dip, a Mongolian Pioneer, was brought up in a cloister by Buddhist monks. His parents, poor shepherds, had sent him there in order to have one mouth less to feed. In these cloisters the children were beaten half dead if they did not learn the long prayers quickly enough. Din-Dip fled with his friends. For three days they went through the desert without eating. On the way the friend died from a snake bite, and Din-Dip at last reached a place where the Pioneers took him in. Other delegates had received the blessings of Western culture: whippings, hunger, child labour, homelessness and police rule.

In contrast to them all stand the Pioneers of the Soviet Union. They have gone through poverty and civil war, out on the path to Socialism.



Three Pioneers from the Chinese Central Club



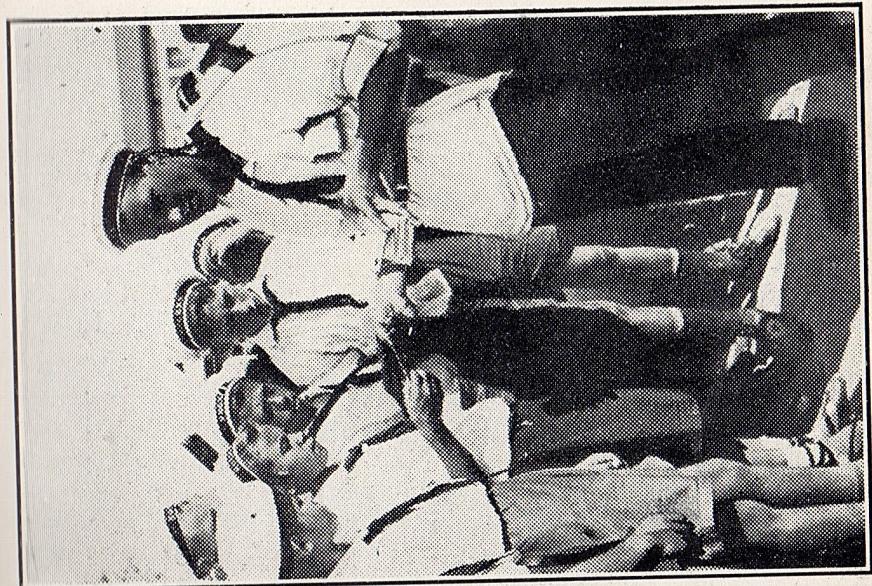
A negro, a German and a Russian

3. LENIN SHOWS THE WAY

IT is clear that the children cannot struggle alone, but only with the entire proletariat. The working class must carry on the struggle under its leadership. This leadership is the Communist International and the Young Communist International. From our dead leader Lenin we can learn how we must carry on this struggle. At the Congress, his widow, Comrade Krupskaya, told what Lenin meant to the children. He was an example in his firm belief in and determination for the victory of his cause. In all that he did he saw only one thing: "How can I serve the cause of the working class and Socialism?" Lenin was an internationalist who knew no difference of nationality in the class struggle. He learned early that only solid, organised struggle can lead to victory. Our fathers fought separately, they accomplished great deeds of heroism and faced death courageously. For example, Lenin's brother attempted to assassinate the Tsar and was executed for it. This event made clear to Lenin that we must carry on the struggle in an organised manner. In our daily work we must organise the masses for a solid struggle. Lenin himself saw that also the children could struggle. During the civil war there were children's organisations which helped their fathers in the revolution. Comrade Krupskaya told of an example in one village where the white guards had murdered almost all the children as a result. But within a few months a new Red children's organisation sprung up there.

"You must carry out Lenin's earnest request. His teachings have now gone over to the masses. Now there is not one Lenin but millions of Leninists. The work which Lenin began cannot be destroyed, and you will carry it out!"

As representative of the Communist International, Comrade Bela Kun, who was head of the Hungarian Soviet Republic, spoke. He asked that we not only adopt the ideas of our great leaders, Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels and Lenin, but that we should be the very life and struggle of our great teachers. We must see to it that the masses of proletarian children are brought under the leadership of the Communist International. We must carry on far-reaching international education. The German revolutionist, Max Hölz spoke of how the children come to feel the class struggle when the bourgeoisie sends their fathers to war or sentences them to imprisonment. The proletarian children will not pay any attention to the shouting of enemy organisations, but at the side of their fathers they will take up the struggle against war, for the Soviet Union and for Socialism! The representative of the Communist Youth International showed clearly the situation of the working class and its children. He showed the horrible exploitation of the children and contrasted it with the happy



Uzbek and Russian (right),
Pioneers from Samarkand

Distribution of tickets for display



Pioneers collecting scrap metal at Rostov



Detachment of Pioneers marching on way to voluntary work on the land

position of the children in the Soviet Union. The children must understand that the capitalists are the enemies of the children. The Social-Democrats, however, are the helpers of the capitalists. We must tear the children away from the influence of the enemies of the workers and bring them under our leadership. The bourgeoisie and the Social-Democrats are systematically preparing the children in their organisations for struggle against the Soviet Union. We, however, shall defend our proletarian Fatherland!

4. THE DELEGATES DELIVER THEIR REPORTS

THE reports by the children's delegations themselves give a clear picture of the life and struggle of the proletarian children in all countries. They show that throughout the whole capitalist world the children of the workers and poor peasants are being oppressed and exploited. Even more, however, the reports show how the bourgeoisie are attempting to win over these children for themselves, in order to isolate them from the working class and the struggles of the workers. Throughout the world, however, the children are taking up the struggle. All the delegates were able to report how the children were struggling shoulder to shoulder with the adults for the interests of the children and for the defence of the Soviet Union.

Thus the American Pioneer told of the activity among the working children. In the United States of America, a country which is praised so highly, there are 4,000,000 child workers. They are being exploited as errand boys, boot-blacks, newsboys, farm workers, etc. In addition to this, however, a great number are employed in the factories because it is not necessary to pay them such high wages as the adult workers. All these children must be gathered together. We must demand that they get higher wages and be given shoes, clothing, good food and better labour conditions. In America many great strikes have recently broken out. The Pioneers of America have carried on militant activity among the children of the strikers—activity which is of great value as a lesson to other countries. Of course, during strikes and lock-outs, it is the children that suffer most. Therefore they have begun to participate in the struggle also. The Pioneers have organised these children. Under their leadership the children have taken part in the strikes in spite of the fact that the capitalists, the schools, the police and, of course, the Social-Democrats, have carried on a bitter fight against them. The children organised themselves in clubs, marched on the picket lines, put the strike-breakers to shame and served as an example to the strikers by their endurance and courage. Even more than the white workers, the negro workers in America undergo great hardships. They are despised and oppressed. We recognise also in the negroes our class comrades with whom we carry

on a common struggle against the exploiters. The Boy Scouts, on the other hand, who prize "humanity" so highly, look upon the negro children as human beings of a lower class. For example, they allowed no negro to attend their World Jamboree in England. The Pioneer delegation, on the other hand, proved by the sending of a negro delegation to the "Slyot," in Moscow, that no race differences exist for the Pioneers—only exploiters and exploited.

Also the British delegate had a great deal to say about the Boy Scouts. His report showed above all what a danger the Boy Scout organisation is to the working class. By the most carefully thought-out methods, the workers' children are brought into the organisation and systematically prepared for the struggle against the workers, and for war. The British Pioneer movement has also the special task of supporting the struggle of the children in the colonies of the British Empire. It fights for national freedom for all peoples.

In Germany, where the struggle can be carried on mainly in the schools, the struggle against the Social-Democratic "Red Falcons" is of special importance. This organisation is showing its true colours more and more clearly. The "Red Falcons" become agents of the teachers in the schools and betrayers of the workers' children. The class-conscious children must be kept away from this organisation—its rôle must be explained to them and they must be brought into our ranks.

The Chinese Pioneer reported on the inhuman child exploitation in China. One quarter of all workers in China are children, from 5 years of age upwards. For a day's work of 12 to 16 hours they receive a wage of 4 to 14 cents (2d. to 7d.). But these children realise their situation. They organise themselves, carry on strikes, and often have fought with weapons in their hands. Thousands of them have given their lives for the cause of the workers. The courage and tenacity with which our Chinese Pioneers have struggled is proved by the name given them by their enemies, "The Tigers." The delegate closed with the promise that the Chinese comrades would not permit any attack on the Soviet Union, which meant to them their very lives and only hope for freedom.

Then spoke a representative of the Soviet Union. He told the delegates of the capitalist countries of the lives of the children of the Socialist State. He reported on their work in helping in the building of Socialism. In Soviet Russia there is only one single children's organisation, the Pioneer League, which has two million members. In this country there is no prohibition of membership in the Pioneer League, but the Government of the workers and peasants helps the Pioneers everywhere. There is, however, a prohibition of all associations aiming to bring up the children for capitalism. There is no place in the Socialist State for such organisations. What are the main tasks which the Pioneers of the



From left to right, Pioneers from Ukraine, Tiflis, Moscow, Uzbekistan.
Centre, China. Front, Caucasus



Pioneers from Daghestan

Soviet Union have recently carried out? How have they contributed to the construction of Socialism? By a number of examples the Russian comrade showed how the children everywhere are helping the Communist Party and the Government to overcome resistance and bring about the victory of Socialism. Thus the Pioneers struggled in the front ranks in the Soviet elections. They not only learned in this way who are the enemies of progress, but they themselves made proposals everywhere for improvements and put up demands for the children. Another important piece of work was carried on by the Pioneers and school children in the "harvest campaign." This campaign was at the same time a struggle against the old village, against outworn forms of labour and against a life which is no longer adapted to our times. Just imagine—the children come to the peasantry who have been living over hundreds of years their old humdrum routine. The children tell them that they are working the wrong way. At first the peasants think that the egg wants to be cleverer than the hen! But the children begin to sort out the bad seed and the weeds. They convince the peasants that they must go over to the system of rotation of crops, and they themselves plant model fields. If the harvest is thus greatly increased, the ban is broken. The Pioneers have also carried on agitation for "collectivisation." This involves a collective system of farming with the organisation of the peasants. A collective farm can procure machinery, tractors, etc., and work much better.

The delegate selected a sphere of the work of the Pioneers in the schools which will certainly interest the school children abroad. This is the struggle against pupils remaining two years in one class. This struggle is being carried on with the establishment of circles in which the better scholars help the more backward ones so that they will be promoted. But not only do the children teach each other. In the Soviet Union it often happens that the children teach the adults. When Russia was still ruled by the Tsar and the capitalists, the people were kept in great ignorance, so that they could be more easily ruled. The Socialist State, however, has no use for anyone who cannot read and write. Now the children are learning everything, and teachers are few—well and good, then let the school children teach the adults.

Alcoholism also is a legacy from old times, when people believed they could only forget all their troubles by drinking. On pay-day, therefore, the Pioneers have stood guard before the vodka shops, taken the men home and got them to promise never to drink again.

And the worst heritage of the past is religion. The struggle of the Pioneer organisation is therefore aimed also at religion and the church. It combats religious holidays and stands for the holidays of the workers, May 1st, November 7th, etc.

Soviet Russia has now set itself a mighty task—the "Five Year Plan." This task is so great that the capitalists abroad at first declared it would be impossible to carry out. But the first year showed that



Learning to assist the Red Army



Machine gun instruction

it will be carried out probably even in four years! In working out this plan the Soviet Union has an advantage the capitalist countries have not got. According to this plan, Soviet Russia is to join the ranks of the industrial countries and by "collectivisation" and the establishment of giant farms, agriculture will make tremendous strides. Prices will be lowered, wages increased, and schools, dwellings, kindergartens, playgrounds and rest homes will be established. In carrying out this plan, a great task is assigned to the Pioneers, the fulfilment of which has already begun. They have helped in procuring the large amounts of money which are necessary for carrying out the plan. They agitated for the loans which the Soviet State is raising in order to be able to buy machinery. They themselves contributed money for it. They contributed raw materials to be used in reconstruction: iron, metal, paper, sacks, etc. They are studying the plan and arousing enthusiasm for it among others:

"Hand in hand with our grown up comrades we are building Socialism, and we shall defend it."

5. THREE TASKS

AMONG the many tasks to be fulfilled by the revolutionary children's movement, three of them came foremost in the work of the Congress. Participants in the Congress were divided into three groups, in which they told of their experiences and discussed proposals. These three tasks are:

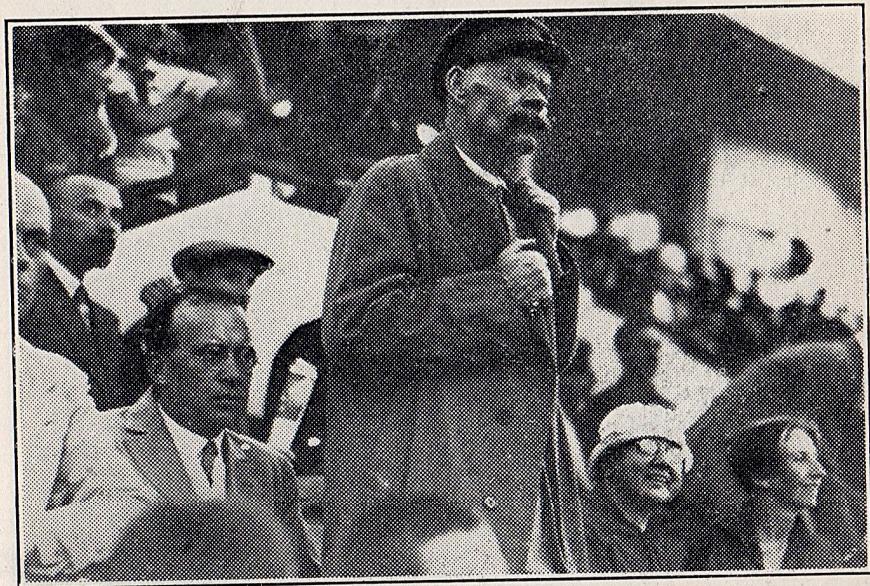
- (a) How can the children contribute to Socialist construction?;
- (b) How must the children struggle against militarism and the war danger?;
- (c) How can they strengthen international education and contact?

(a) How the Children can Contribute to Socialist Construction

The hope of the enemy that the first workers' and peasants' State would soon collapse has vanished. Socialism continues to be built up victoriously. The inner and outer enemies cannot hold it back. The new generation will soon see the work completed. Already, from the report of the Russian Pioneers we have seen how the Pioneers are contributing to Socialist construction and how they stand in the front ranks. They are the advance guard on the cultural front for a new life and for a new Socialist system. The children of the whole world can help them in it. It is their task to break through the network of lies about the Soviet Union. How many lies and distortions are still being spread about Soviet Russia in the schools to-day! A great part of the work therefore can be carried on in the schools. Teachers who lie about Soviet Russia and prevent the spreading of the truth we consider as enemies of the workers against whom we must



Arrival of Pioneers from Siberia



Maxim Gorky at the opening meeting of the "Dinamo" Stadium.
Krupskaya on the right

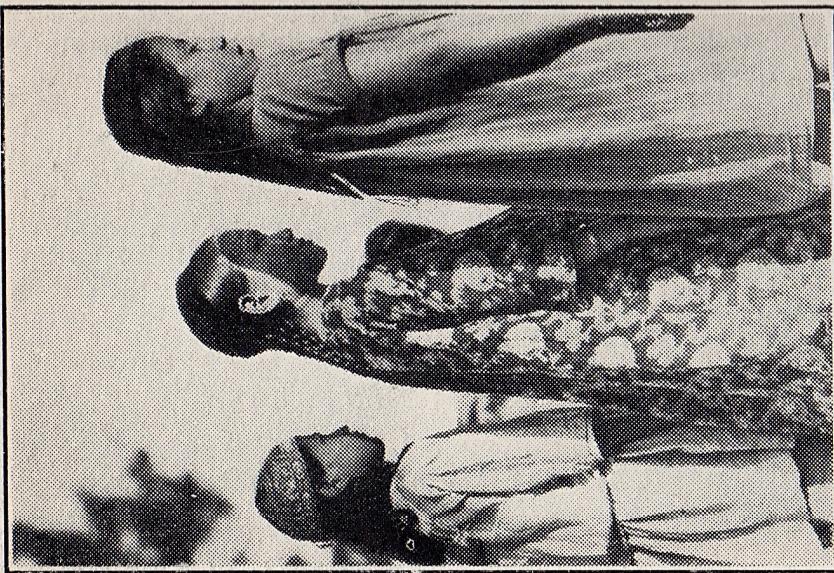
direct all working class publicity. The work in the schools must be accompanied by work of clarification, in newspapers and leaflets, at meetings and demonstrations. Explain to your comrades the Five Year Plan and show them what it means to the children of the Soviet Union. Tell them about the work of the Pioneer organisation and the Red Army, which defend our whole Socialist Fatherland. But special work must be carried on among the proletarian children who are still in the bourgeois and Social-Democratic organisations and are being stirred up against the Soviet Union.

(b) *How the Children must Struggle Against Bourgeois Militarism and the War Danger*

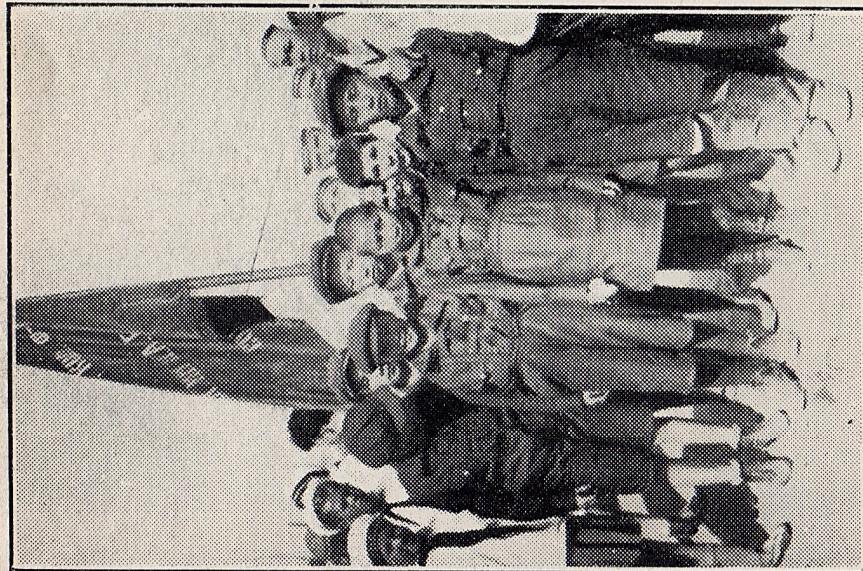
The imperialists are preparing for war against the Soviet Union. The reports of the foreign delegates showed how this war is being prepared even among the children. The group which dealt with this question came to the following conclusion:

In all capitalist countries we are struggling against having the children militarised and mentally prepared for war. The forms of military preparation are varied. In some cases regular military drill is held, in other cases it is being carried on through athletics, while in others excursions and camps are utilised for this purpose. In some countries they even have officers and under-officers in the schools. Let us rid the schools of such enemies to the working class! If the proletarian children participate in such preparations it does not mean that they are doing so in order to prepare for imperialist war. We openly declare that this preparation is useful to us only in order to be able to fight the imperialists later on with guns in our hands. Therefore we must create the possibility for military training for ourselves. We need training for Red defence. For this purpose mass games, parades, camps, circles and special children's organisations must serve to organise broad masses of children. Those who attempt to prevent the proletarian children preparing themselves for armed struggle are therefore also our enemies. We combat the so-called "pacifists" (who make believe they are "friends of peace") because they want the proletariat to be defenceless, while they not only tolerate the war preparations of the bourgeoisie, but promote them, as, for example, the Social-Democrats and their "Red Falcons." All bourgeois and Social-Democratic organisations help the bourgeoisie in the preparation for war. Therefore we must keep a careful watch on their work. The best militant action of the children consists in joining the revolutionary children's organisations, in joining the Pioneer League. The first international children's Congress calls upon all proletarian children to struggle for the following demands:

1. Prohibition of all bourgeois military training.
2. Removal of all books of a nationalist character from the school libraries.



Uzbek children watching physical culture display in Tashkent



Pioneers from the Far-North—Yakutsk area

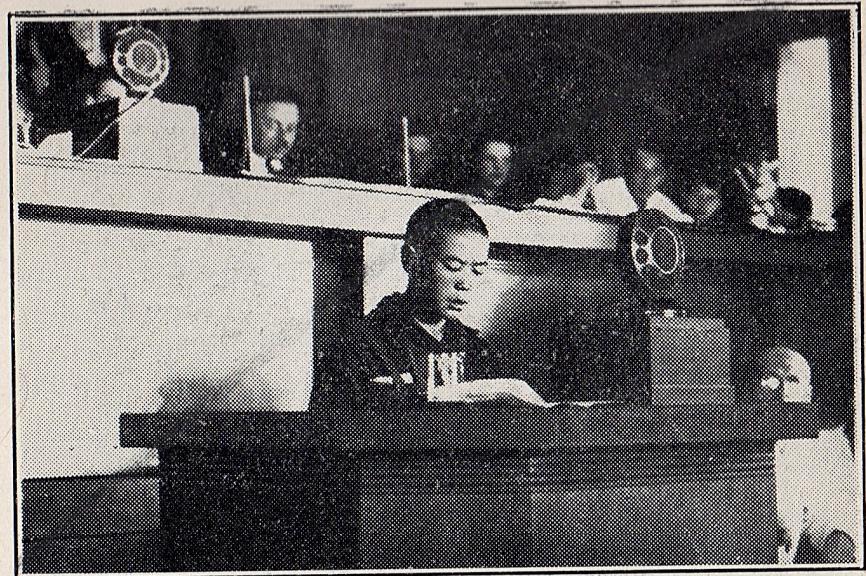
3. Teaching of history in the spirit of the class struggle.
4. Dismissal of all anti-labour teachers and instructors from the schools and educational establishments.
5. Discontinuance of the support of all bourgeois children's organisations.
6. Training of workers' children for workers' self-defence.

(c) *How They can Strengthen International Education and Contact*

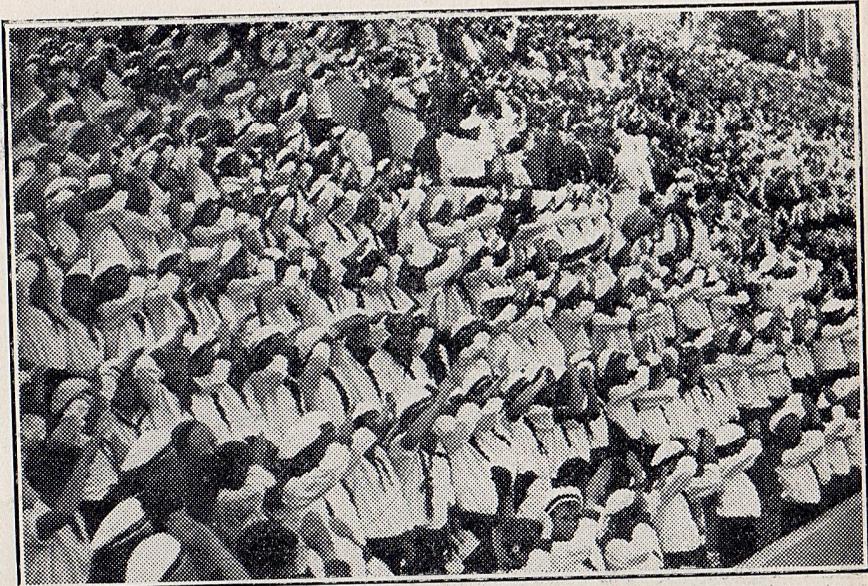
The bourgeoisie is playing one nation against another in order to further its own ends. We are internationalists. For us there is no difference between the different races and nationalities. In order to promote international spirit and the sense of belonging to the proletariat, we must conduct a systematic work of education and contacts. For this purpose the Congress made a large number of proposals which will find ready response. For example, demonstrations can be arranged everywhere expressing in living form the idea of international education. If we regularly hear of the work in other countries it will bring these comrades nearer to us. The exchange of information in our children's papers will facilitate this. In this connection comes the exchange of letters organised between the different countries. This contact will be much easier if the Pioneers attempt to learn foreign languages in so far as they have the opportunity, as in Soviet Russia. The best thing, of course, is to have the children get to know each other personally. Of course, many foreign delegations have already come to Soviet Russia and also delegations have been exchanged between capitalist countries, but this work can be greatly strengthened. Thus the Congress proposes that each year a great international children's camp be organised in Central Europe. In order to prove the spirit of proletarian solidarity, each Pioneer in the Soviet Union, Germany, France, England, America and Czecho-Slovakia is to pay 5 kopeks (about 1½d.) a year in support of the weakest Pioneer organisations. This money is primarily to help the Leagues which are for the most part persecuted and oppressed by the capitalists. At the Congress itself the contact between children of the various nations was shown by the exchange of gifts such as banners, pictures, albums and weapons. Furthermore, during their stay in the Soviet Union, the delegates concluded a number of agreements. In these "Socialist competitions" the Pioneer organisations set themselves tasks which they were to carry out within a definite time, and pledged themselves to keep in touch with each other and report to each other during the course of the competition.

International proletarian contact will do away with all national hatred incited by the bourgeoisie. Long live the Fatherland of all working class children! Long live the Soviet Union! Long live international proletarian solidarity!

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Sharap, a Mongolian Pioneer, speaking at the International Children's Congress



The Opening Ceremony. The Pioneers salute and give their call of "Stand Ready!"



At the opening meeting



Ukrainian Pioneers from Lugansk

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STAND READY
 THE first International Children's Congress did not come together to make fine speeches. It was the beginning of serious work and a stubborn struggle. Now children's congresses must be held everywhere, bringing together the children of the workers. These conferences must organise the masses of children. The Pioneers are ready to organise and lead the struggle of these children. At all these conferences of scholars, working children and children of strikers, the effects of the international conference must be felt. Therefore the Congress issues the following appeal:

TO THE CHILDREN OF THE WORKERS OF THE WHOLE WORLD!

The International Congress of proletarian children which met in Red Moscow sends you its ardent brotherly greetings.

Fifteen years have passed since the frightful spirit of war spread over the earth. The capitalist system which brought on the war has not yet been overthrown and is already preparing for a new slaughter. The governments of the capitalist countries will soon make another attempt to put your brothers and fathers in soldiers' uniform and give them weapons to struggle against your brothers, the workers of other countries. It is easily possible that each one of us will be faced much sooner than we thought with the horror of war which our fathers and older brothers have already gone through.

Children of the workers and peasants of the capitalist countries, watch attentively the way in which the bourgeoisie are trying to prepare for war by all methods. They will attempt to make you patriots and defenders of the capitalist governments.

The bourgeoisie of all countries are always ready to wage war in order to increase the markets for their goods and gain fresh profits. *But together they are preparing for war against the first workers' State, against the Soviet Union.*

Have you heard of the attack against the Soviet Union in the East, where the bourgeoisie are inciting the Chinese generals into an attack against the Soviet Union?

Do you know how the neighbouring countries of the Soviet Union: Poland, Roumania, Latvia, Finland, etc., are being armed? Have you read of the new attacks against the Soviet Union on the Afghan border?

But all these attempts will fail. The workers and peasants of the Soviet Union will never submit to being slaves of capital. The proletariat of the whole world will not fight against the fatherland of all workers. The proletarian children will turn against their own masters with all their energy and means!

Almost at the same time that the Red Meet was held in the Soviet Union, the meeting of the Boy Scouts, the Jamboree in England, and Social-Democratic Youth Day in Austria, were held. Although the Scouts and the Social-Democrats use different words and apply different

methods, they are both the bitter enemies of the revolutionary organisations of the proletarian children, of the young Pioneers.

Young Pioneers!

We must win over the proletarian children. Above all we must carry on a work of clarification in the schools and develop class-consciousness among the children. Our organisations are still small and weak; they must organise and influence the broad masses of proletarian children.

We must strengthen our work and intensify our struggle. No child of the working class must remain in the camp of the bourgeoisie, they must all be drawn into the Communist children's movement as our comrades.

The capitalists are rationalising their factories in such a way that thousands of proletarian families are being thrown onto the streets with their children, suffering from hunger and poverty. At the same time the capitalists are exploiting the children more and more. These children first of all must be won over to our organisations.

Proletarian children in the factories, on the farms, working at home, newsboys, errand boys and bootblacks! We have but one way to gain liberation from exploitation: this is by struggle. Alone, you are powerless. So join the ranks of the Communist children's organisation. It is your stronghold in the struggle against the employers.

Children of the colonies!

Kindle the will to struggle in the hearts of the proletarian children of all countries by letting them read in the papers about your sufferings.

Answer our ardent appeal and join the ranks of the Communist children's organisations. Only in the struggle side by side with all proletarian children of the world will you attain your liberation!

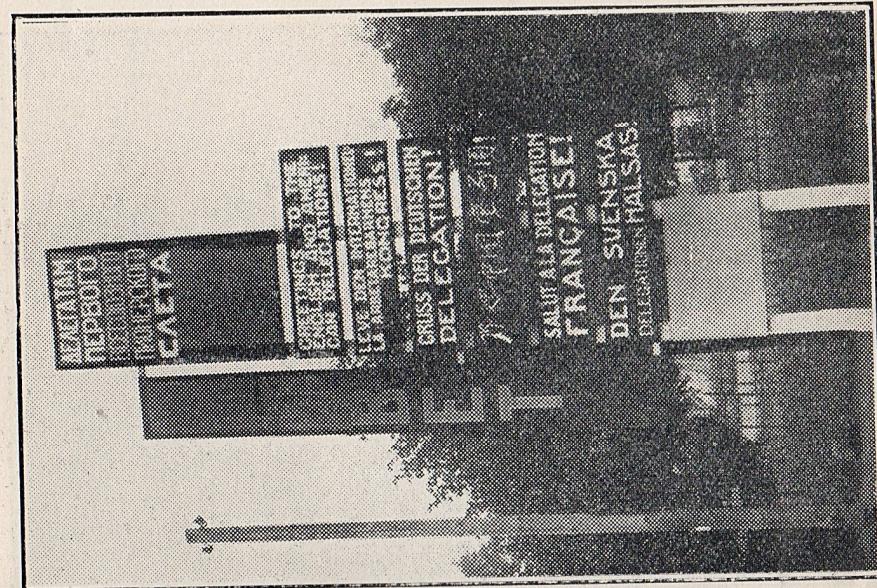
Young Pioneers of the Soviet Union!

You are the fortunate children in the fatherland of the workers of the whole world. You who in the old days were beaten in your schools but are now building the new free schools of labour hand in hand with your teachers, you are taking part in the Social construction of the first Workers' State. Follow the teachings of the great leader of revolutionary workers: Lenin.

Strong is the might and defence power of the Soviet Union—carry out the work which has been assigned to you in the realisation of the Five Year Plan and draw the broad masses of unorganised children into this work.

Children of the workers in all capitalist countries! Children in the exploited colonies!

If you are asked whether you are prepared to defend the Soviet Union, where Communism is being built up, the land that shines as a beacon to the workers of the whole world, if you are asked whether you are ready to struggle for Communism, answer: Always ready!





Tadzhik Pioneers. In the East the Latin alphabet is coming into use.
Note the banners



Part of demonstration against alcoholism at Kosa works, near Moscow.

We are only ready for one war—and that is the last war—the war of the proletariat against the bourgeoisie!

Only the Communist children's organisations can stand at the head of the movement of proletarian children.

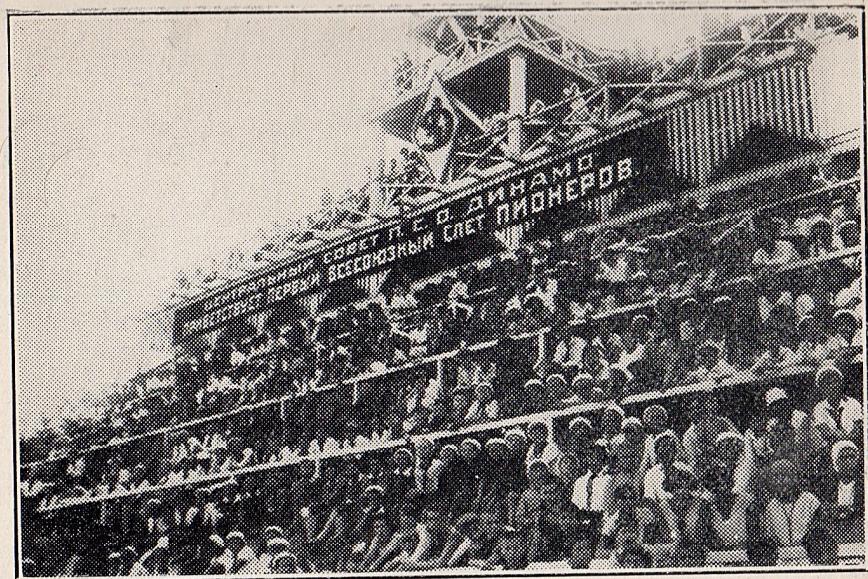
Proletarian children, join the ranks of the Communist children's organisation and gather under the banner of Communism!

On to the struggle for the cause of the workers, for the cause of World Revolution and its great leader, Lenin. Struggle, all of you—and be always ready!

First International Congress of Proletarian Children.
Moscow, August 23rd, 1929.



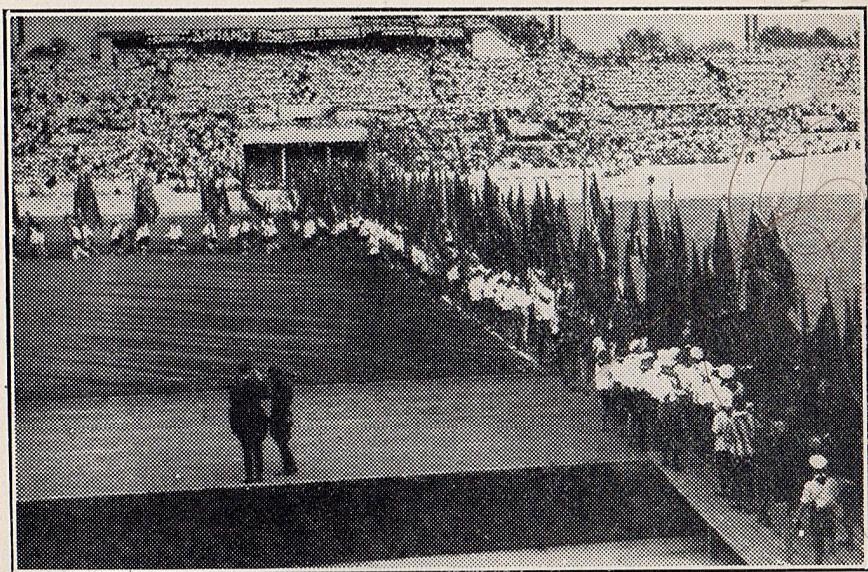
Pioneers from Mongolia



Part of the crowd on the "Dinamo" Stadium



Moscow Pioneers waiting to greet foreign Pioneers



Parade of banner-bearers at the Stadium